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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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REGARDING THE JOURNAL

DEAR EDITOR: I want to compliment the Journal on the excellent illustrated article by Nancy E. Cadmus on "Some Hospital Devices and Procedures." It was as good as a two hour class and demonstration in a good training school for us older private duty nurses and I think it must have been appreciated by many. The excellent pictures were so well reproduced and the ideas therein contained could not fail to be helpful, even to nurses now studying in well-appointed hospitals.

I quite agree with Miss Cadmus in the wisdom of preventing the odor of burning rubber in a hospital by the simple device of sterilizing the articles in a wire basket. The device is a prize. Hoping for more such articles from other hospital nurses in the future,

Michigan.

M. F. S.

COMMENTS ON MRS. METCALF'S LETTER

I

DEAR EDITOR: I have just been reading "To the training school graduates of 1916." I, as well as many other nurses, do not practice in the town in which I took my training and I would like to suggest that other alumnae associations do as mine has done. A non-resident member pays \$10 for a life membership. Often it is difficult to keep annual dues paid in an association whose meetings one does not attend. As nurses are becoming better organized, more stress is being placed on the alumnae associations and there should be some way to keep a non-resident in touch with her alumnae.

North Dakota.

E. E. S.

II

DEAR EDITOR: In the April JOURNAL, in a letter to "the graduates of 1916," the statement is made, "In order to become a member of the Red Cross Society, one must be a member in good standing of some organization affiliated with the American Nurses' Association." I wish to suggest that an explanation be made to the graduates of 1916 that an enrolled Red Cross nurse must be a member of such an organization, but any citizen of the United States, "of good moral character," may become a member of the Red Cross Society by the payment of annual dues of \$1. Again and again the question is asked, "What is the difference?" I have found that the majority of pupil nurses to whom I have talked about the Red Cross, are glad to become members of the society and to wear the little badge. They are always interested in the magazine which is included in the membership dues and surely it helps much to promote in our training schools the spirit of "humanity-neutrality." In addition, each nurse wearing the little badge is helping spread the gospel of our wonderful, national Red Cross.